



Downtown Mall Historic Resources Survey

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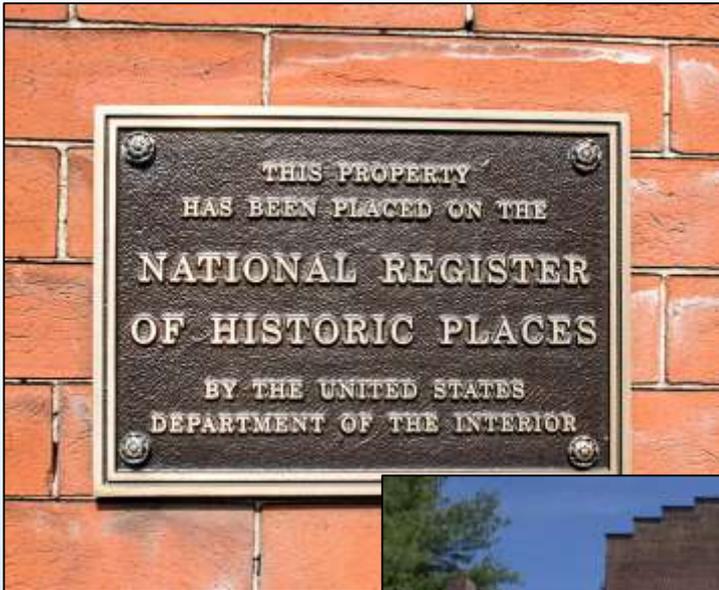
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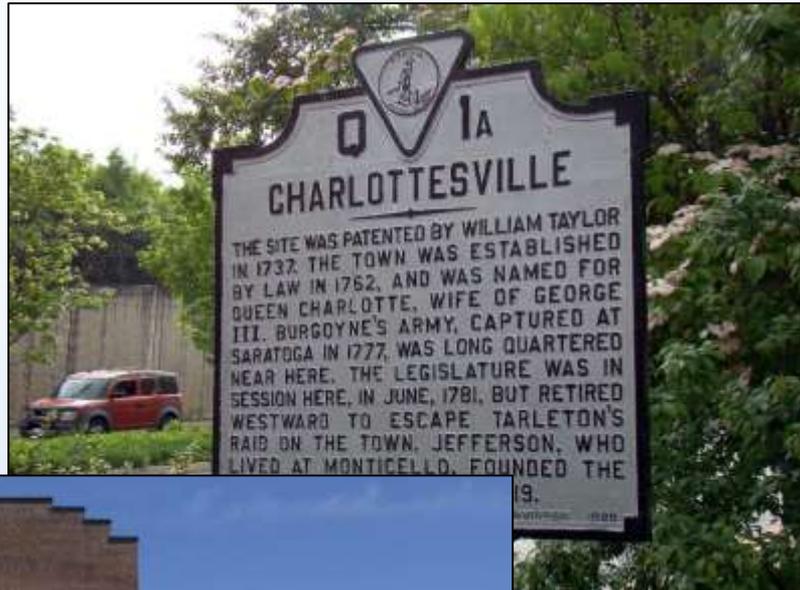
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State Historic Preservation Office.

Our mission is to foster, encourage, and support the
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architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources.





Virginia Landmarks Register & National Register of Historic Places



Historical Highway Marker Program



State & Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits

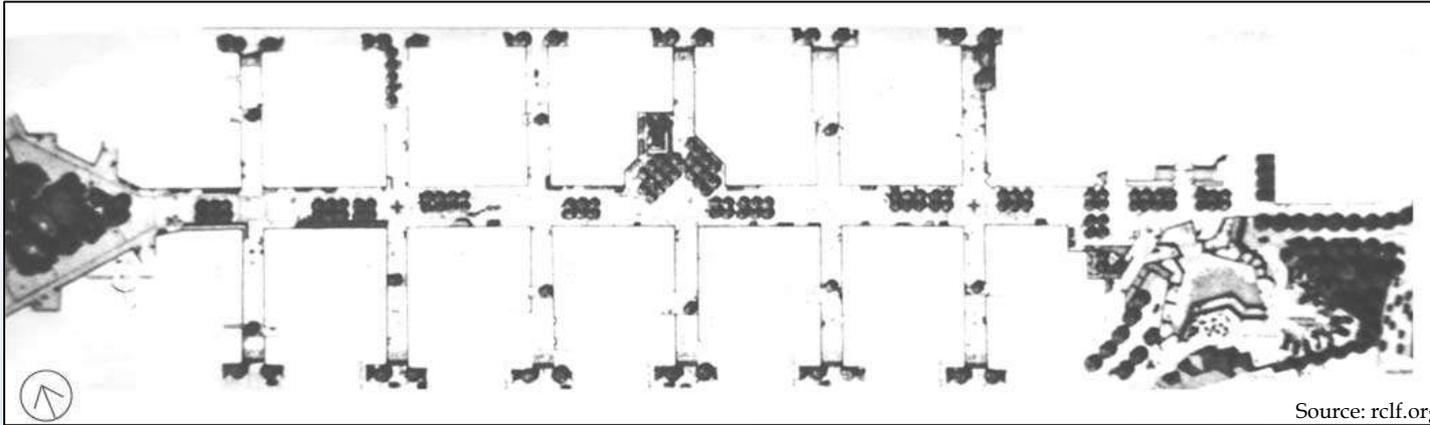


Project Background

- April 2017: Initial proposal for Downtown Mall historic context study and management plan drafted by City staff.
- April 2021: Cost Share Survey and Planning Grant application for Downtown Mall historic resources survey (Phase 1) submitted to DHR by City staff.
- June-September 2021: DHR awards City cost share grant City, produced project scope based on grant application, and hired Robinson & Associates, Inc. to perform scoped work.



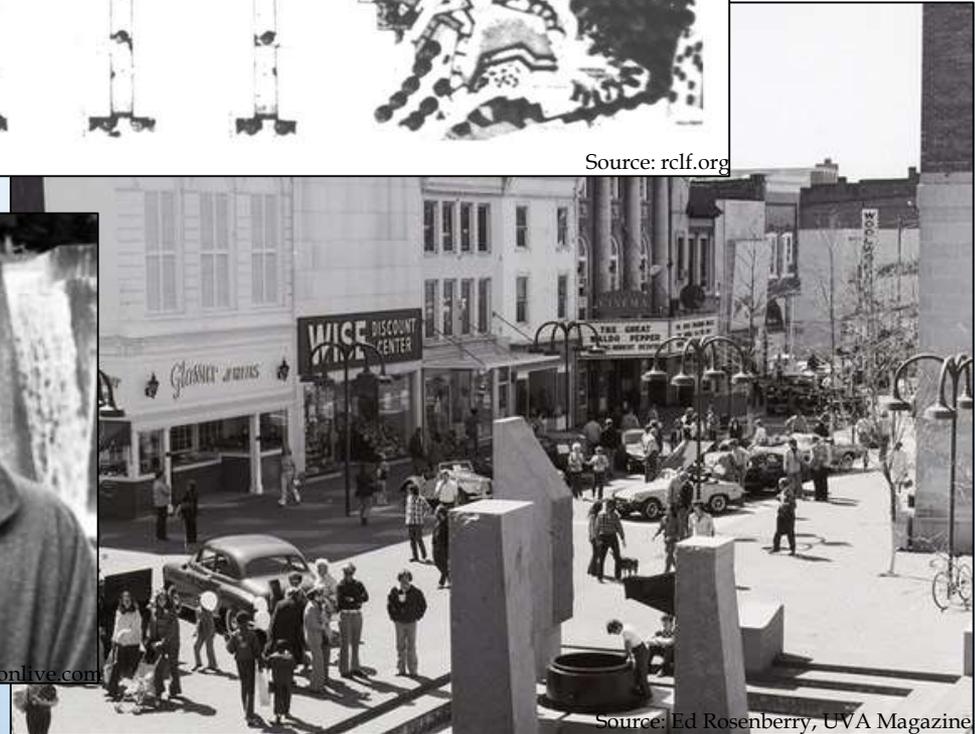
Project Background



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Source: oregonlive.com



Source: Ed Rosenberry, UVA Magazine



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Project Scope Overview

- Survey of resources comprising the designed landscape of the Downtown Mall.
- Survey report providing historic context covering design and develop of the Downtown Mall.
- Preliminary Information Form establishing potential National Register of Historic Places eligibility the Downtown Mall.



Project Scope Overview



A historic resources survey is a **process** of identifying and gathering data on a community's historic resources.



Project Scope Overview



The survey will record including Downtown Mall resources including City-owned public art installations, bollards, planters, benches, light posts, tree wells, drainage systems, and signage.



Project Scope Overview

- This project will not include resurvey of buildings bordering the Downtown Mall.
- The survey will be conducted from the public right-of-way.
- Data gathered during survey will be available to public.
- This project will **not** result in a National Register listing for the Downtown Mall.



Project Scope Overview

January 2022: Architectural Survey

March 2022: Draft survey materials and report submitted to DHR and City

April 2022: Final survey materials and report submitted to DHR and City

May 2022: Public information session to share survey findings and potential next steps



Engagement Opportunities

Downtown Mall Historic Resources Survey Feedback Form

The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) and the City of Charlottesville is conducting a survey of resources comprising the designed landscape of the Downtown Mall.

This historic resources survey will record Downtown Mall resources including City-owned public art installations, bollards, planters, benches, light posts, tree wells, drainage systems, and signage. A report accompanying the survey will provide a historic context for the design and develop of the Downtown Mall. A Preliminary Information Form establishing potential National Register of Historic Places eligibility for the Downtown Mall will also be completed as part of this effort.

Please use this form to submit questions, comments, or feedback about this project. We are especially eager to hear from individuals museums, historical societies, or other repositories that may have materials related to the design, construction, and use of the Downtown Mall.

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Please use the space below to share your feedback. *

Your answer

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FIRM DESCRIPTION

- Robinson & Associates is a preservation research and consulting firm based in Washington, D.C., specializing in architectural, landscape, and cultural history
- The firm offers cultural resources documentation of all types. Its goals are to provide a solid research foundation upon which to base planning decisions; to identify levels of historic significance to guide preservation; and to advise on issues of compliance with historic preservation regulations
- All firm members meet and/or exceed the minimum professional qualifications for architectural historians and for historians as specified by the Secretary of the Interior

EXPERIENCE

Hirshhorn Museum Sculpture Garden (DC), NR Significance Evaluation



National Mall (DC), Updated NR Nomination



Pershing Park/World War I Memorial (DC), Determination of NR Eligibility



Town of Colonial Beach (VA), VCRIS Survey forms and NR Nomination

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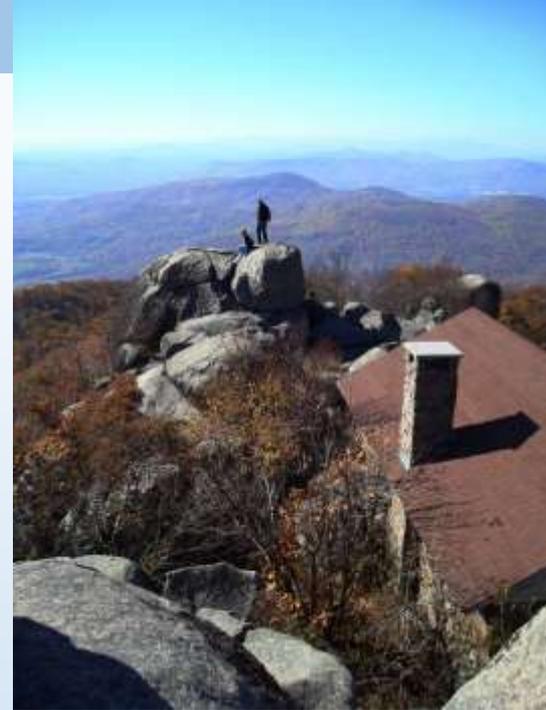
Laura L. Knott, HLA, LLC

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- Laura L. Knott, Historical Landscape Architect, LLC, is a landscape architecture firm based in Charlottesville, specializing in preservation, planning, and design for historic landscapes.
- The firm provides landscape architectural and preservation planning services to clients throughout the eastern U.S., including cultural landscape reports, surveys, and assessments; preservation plans; landscape management plans; and planning and design for parks, historic sites, districts, and transportation corridors.
- All key firm members exceed the proposed minimum professional qualifications for historical landscape architects as specified by the Secretary of the Interior.

EXPERIENCE

Peaks of Otter Developed Area (VA), Cultural Landscape Report



*Pershing Park/World War I Memorial (DC),
Determination of NR Eligibility*



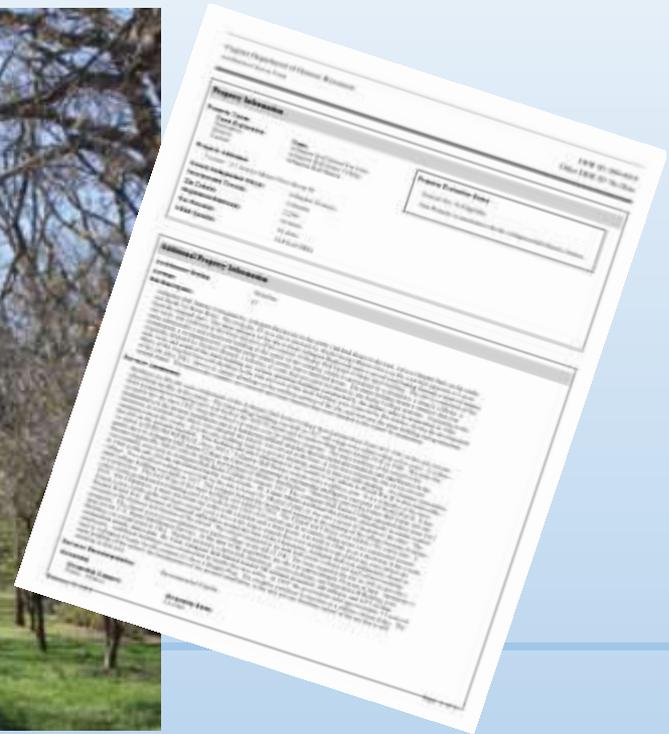
*Hirshhorn
Museum
Sculpture Garden
(DC), NR
Significance
Evaluation*



*Everglades Park Flamingo Developed Area Visitor
Center (FL), Cultural Landscape Inventory*

METHODOLOGY

- **Planning and Research:** Gather and review existing records, coordinate with DHR staff and local authorities, develop research plan, and conduct initial research
- **Survey:** Identify resources, conduct fieldwork, and prepare survey files
- **DHR PIF and Survey Report:** Conduct additional research, prepare draft PIF and revise to DHR and City comments, prepare draft survey report and revise to comments





Thank you for watching!

For more information, please visit dhr.virginia.gov

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